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To: Health Care Providers, Hospitals, Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Centers,
and Ambulatory Surgery Centers

From: Judith A. Monroe, M.D.
State Health Commissioner

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Re: **State Law Mandating Reporting of Fireworks-Related Injuries (P.L. 187)**

In 2006, the Indiana legislature passed House Enrolled Act 1099 (P.L. 187), which mandates the reporting of fireworks and pyrotechnics-related injuries to the Indiana State Department of Health. The legislation was signed by the Governor and became effective as of 3/27/06. The required reporting provisions are identical to those that were effective for 2003-2004. A copy of the reporting form and the pertinent portion of the law can be accessed at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/form/fireworks.htm>.

The law mandates reporting by any health care provider, hospital, or outpatient surgical center that initially treats a person for such an injury, no later than 5 business days after the injured person is treated. Please make your report using the attached Fireworks Injury Reporting Form. It has been designed to include all information specified in P.L.187, plus additional information that may be helpful in designing programs for prevention of fireworks-related injuries.

Legislatively-mandated reporting of information for public health surveillance is an exemption to HIPAA regulations. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) maintains confidentiality for information that is provided through this type of reporting, including a secure fax site, as it has done for communicable disease reporting for many years.

Copies of this Fireworks Injury Reporting Form may be obtained from the ISDH website noted above and printed out for duplication and dissemination. Additionally, the form can be completed on-line if desired. Printed copies of the form may be obtained by contacting Mary Ann Zupan at (317) 233-7415.

Thank you in advance for your participation with this ISDH reporting requirement. If you have questions, please contact me at (317) 233-7164 or chgraves@isdh.in.gov.